

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (a) No *lathis* were purchased during the years 1102, 1103 and 1105. 318 *lathis* were purchased in 1104.

(b) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (a) above.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): With reference to the answer to part (a) of the question, may I know whether *lathis* were purchased after the present Police Commissioner took charge of the Police Department?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): *Lathis* were purchased in 1104 as stated in the answer.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): The present Police Commissioner took charge of the Police Department, I think, in Chingam 1104. I ask whether *lathis* were purchased after the Police Commissioner took charge of the Department?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): It may be so.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): May I know whether there was any suggestion from the predecessor of Mr. Bishop about the purchase of *lathis*?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Government are not aware of any such suggestion having been made by the previous Commissioner of Police.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): And so, the suggestion has originated from the present Commissioner of Police?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): A reference to Government is not necessary for the purchase of *lathis*?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): What I wish to know from the member is whether the suggestion for the purchase of *lathis* originated from the present Police Commissioner?

PRESIDENT: That is an inference which you can draw from his statement. Why do you want him to give the inference when he has stated a fact?

Supply of lathis to the Police Department.

188. **MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Police Commissioner has supplied *lathis* for the use of the Police Force, and, if so, how many and when;

(b) the cost of those *lathis* and from where they were obtained;

(c) whether the present Commissioner of Police has been or is in correspondence with the Conservator of Forests with regard to the supply of *lathis* from the forests of the State; and

(d) whether the present Commissioner of Police has ordered a fresh supply of *lathis* from any other source?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (a) 318 *lathis* have been supplied to the Armed Reserve as noted below:—

On 30-10-1104 ... 12 *lathis*

On 29-12-1104 ... 100 „

On 10-1-1105 ... 206 „

(b) The cost is S. Rs. 80-5-2. The *lathis* were purchased from the Deputy Commissioner, Law and Order, Madras and Mr. Sheik Abdulla Sahib, Bamboo Merchant, Vellore.

(c) Yes.

(d) No.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): With reference to the answer to part (b) of the question, may I know the number of *lathis* that were purchased from the Deputy Commissioner, Law and Order, Madras, and from the Bamboo merchant respectively?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): That information is not now available with me.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): With reference to the answer to part (c) of the question, may I know the number of *lathis* for which the Commissioner has been in correspondence with the Conservator of Forests?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The Conservator of Forests was asked whether *lathis* could be had from our forests here. The number required was not stated.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): May I know whether the correspondence has reached the final stage?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The Conservator has replied that bamboo *lathis* could not be had from our forests.

The Lalam District Hospital.

189. **MR. A. C. KURIAKOSE** (*Minachil cum Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of District Hospitals in Travancore and what they are;

(b) the rank of the Lalam Hospital among these when the number of patients attending these hospitals is taken into consideration; and

(c) the hospitals where there are lady doctors now (25-11-1105) and where nurses have been appointed?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (a) The member is referred to page 308 of the *Travancore Almanac and Directory for 1930*.

(b) No rank has been fixed for hospitals with reference to the number of patients which varies from year to year.

(c) In addition to the hospitals intended for women, the following hospitals have lady doctors attached to them:

(i) District Hospital, Alleppey;